

## CHILTON ON PORTO RICO

### The Tariff Bill Characterized as

Debate on the Relief Proposition  
Begun in the Senate—Mr. Allen's  
Amendment Declaring That the  
Constitution Extends to the Col-  
ony Tabled by Mr. Allen

The House bill appropriating over two millions for the relief of Porto Rico was taken up in the Senate today, the question being on the amendment offered yesterday by Mr. Allen, declaring that by the force of the Paris Treaty of Peace the Constitution was extended over the Island of Porto Rico and its inhabitants.

The Porto Rican question he regarded as one of the gravest that had been brought into American politics in forty years. His proposition to levy duties on American goods in Porto Rico or on Porto Rican goods in the United States was without precedent. It was nothing but the tyranny of spoliation of the strong when dealing with the weak.

"Our Constitution," Mr. Chilton said, "goes to Porto Rico. It goes everywhere."

that the American power goes, and it is a shame to our pretensions that the first act of an American Congress in dealing with our new acquisitions from Spain should be an effort to deny to that people the highest right of free men—the protection of a written Constitution. It seems like a travesty to hold that Congress, which is the creature of the Constitution, can legislate for anybody or anything in disregard of the terms of that Constitution."

Mr. Allison moved to lay Mr. Allen's amendment on the table. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 26 to 17. The defeated vote is as follows:

Yeas—Allison, Baker, Bard, Beveridge, Carter, Davis, Deboe, Elkins, Fairbanks, Foraker, Foster, Gallinger, Gear, Hale, Hanna, Hawley, Keen, Lindsay, Lodge, McBride, McComas, McCumber, McMillan, Penrose, Perkins, Pritchard, Quarles, Ross, Sewell, Shoup, Simpson, Spooner, Thurston, Warren, Wellington, Wilshire.

Nays—Allen, Bacon, Blair, Bear, Bess,

her, Chilton, Clark of Montana, Clay, Cockrell, Culberson, Harris, Kenney, McLaughlin, Morgan, Rawlins, Tillman, Turley—11.

The next question was on the substitute offered yesterday by Mr. Jones to refund to the importers the duties paid by them on Porto Rican goods, and providing that hereafter there shall be no customs duties levied on American goods in Porto Rico or on Porto Rican goods in the United States.

Mr. Jones argued in support of the

amendment, quoting from the President's message, which declares it to be our plain duty to abolish all customs duties between the United States and Porto Rico and to give her products free access to our markets.

Our policy toward Porto Rico," Secretary continued, "has been such as to preserve all business there and has made it possible for the people to support their government. That would have reason to be satisfied with our policy and to commend our action, follow the recommendation of the President, give their goods free access to the United States market."

the markets of this country and let them buy and sell without let or hindrance."

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### THE CASE OF MR. QUAY.

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**Date Fixed for Beginning the Final Debate.**

In the Senate today Mr. Hoar renewed his request of yesterday, asking unanimous consent that the Quay case be taken up two weeks from next Tuesday and continued from day to day until disposed

of-exception being made in favor of the pending Porto Rican bill, the joint resolution as to the Philippine Islands, appropriation bills and conference reports. After various suggestions and modifications unanimous consent was given.

While the matter was pending Mr. Gallinger said that he had been astounded yesterday at hearing it suggested that the Senators who were opposed to seating Mr. Quay were, by parliamentary devices, preventing consideration of the resolution. He reminded the Senate that for the last two

for three weeks it had before it the Hawaiian bill, in charge of Mr. Cullom; the Porto Rican bill, in charge of Mr. Foraker, and the other Porto Rican bill, in charge of Mr. Allison, all of them favoring the seating of Mr. Quay; also that much time had been given to the reading of the Alaska bill, in charge of Mr. Carter, another supporter of Mr. Quay.

He (Mr. Gallinger) had placed no obstacle in the way of the Quay case, and he did not propose to do so. It was immaterial to him when it was taken up or when it was concluded. If he were present he

would vote against the seating of Mr. Quay, and, if not present, he would be paired against him.

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**PROCEEDINGS IN THE SENATE.**

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**A Resolution Calling for One of Aguinaldo's Letters.**

The Senate met at 10 o'clock this morning and the first two hours of the session were employed in continuing the formal reading of the Alaska bill, which was concluded at noon. This bill, which

cluded at noon. This was the fourth installment of time devoted to that purpose—the number of printed pages read today being 114 at the general rate of a page per minute. After that the routine morning business was proceeded with.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Hoar, and was agreed to, directing the Secretary of War to furnish to the Senate a copy of a letter from Emilio Aguinaldo, dated at Bacor, July 15, 1898, addressed to the American commander, and forwarded to General Merritt, July 27, 1898.

A resolution was offered by Mr. G. A. Finger and agreed to, directing the several heads of departments to furnish lists of clerks, messengers, etc., between the ages of 14 and 19, 20 and 29, 30 and 33, and so on decimally up to 80, also of those now on the rolls, who are physically or mentally incapacitated.

**A Colorado Mine Sold.**  
DENVER, Col., March 16.—Negotiations that have been going on for several weeks for the sale of the Consolidated Stanley Mine above Colorado Springs, culminated

**\$125 To Baltimore and Re-**  
**turn via Pennsylvania Railroad**

Tickets on sale Saturday and Sunday, March 17 and 18, good to return until Monday, March 19. All trains except Congressional Limited.

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